

**Associated Students of Santa Monica College**  
**A.S Elections Committee Special Meeting**  
**November 13, 2014, 11:25 AM**  
**Cayton #206**  
**Minutes**



**I. Call to Order: 11:48 AM**

**II. Roll Call**

1. Maya Kaitel (Chair) **P**
2. Ali Khan **A**
3. Rizwan Rashid **A**
4. Julio Santizo **P**
5. Isaac Medeiros **P**
6. Courtney King **P**
7. Benny Blaydes (Counselor) **P/Represented by Dean Bridges**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve by Courtney King, second by Julio Santizo, approved unanimously.*

**IV. Public Comments (2 minutes per person) No public comments were given.**

**V. Action Items**

1. Discuss and possibly amend the Election Code language  
*Robert Myers explained his recommendations to the elections code, especially pertaining to the disqualification of a candidate. Julio Santizo expressed that he thinks that these recommendations would be helpful. Mr. Myers presented another option to take all enforcement out of the hands of the election committee and instead giving the responsibility of enforcing the Elections Code to the campus disciplinarian. Courtney King expressed that Dean Hearn, the campus disciplinarian, should be consulted before being given this responsibility. Maya Kaitel asked if there was an option wherein the responsibility is not completely in the hands of the Elections Committee or the campus disciplinarian. Mr. Myers explained that a more blended process is possible, and would involve the Chair of the Elections Committee sending warning letters but leaving disqualification of a candidate to the disciplinarian. Dean Bridges expressed that this puts a lot of weight on the chair, and inquired as to how the committee would feel about this. Dean Bridges then goes on to express that the function of the Elections Committee is to make sure that there is more than just one person doing this work. Mr. Myers reminds the committee that taking action as a committee would take meetings and quorum and would likely slow down the process of taking action to enforce the Election Code. Courtney King moves to strike the last sentence of Section VII, Article B, Section 1 from the Election Code. Second by Isaac Medeiros. The motion is approved unanimously. Isaac Medeiros moves to strike the word "may" and replace it with "must" from Section VII, Article B, Section 1 in the sentence: "Slates may submit a combined expense account statement in lieu of individual statements.", so that the sentence will now read "Slates must submit a combined expense account statement in lieu of individual statements.". Second by Courtney King. The motion is approved unanimously. Courtney brings up the suggestion to allow slates to spend \$250, plus an additional \$15 per person for each slate member, adding up to a maximum of \$355 per slate.*
2. Discuss how to get students to vote  
*Courtney King suggests that students should be redirected to an opt-out voting page when they log in to Corsair Connect. Dean Bridges expresses that this may not be possible. Julio Santizo assures the committee that it is possible from a technological standpoint. Maya Kaitel asked the committee if students should be incentivized to vote with food incentives such as cookies. Julio Santizo agrees that they should be incentivized, but brings up the point that this may lead to uninformed votes.*

**VI. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn by Courtney King. Second by Julio Santizo. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.*